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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM ELIOT

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, AF, US
SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR STATE VISIT: PRESIDENT DAOUD

REF: A) KABUL 4445 B) STATE 153281

1. WHILE I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF PRIORITIES IN ARRANGING STATE VISITS, AND WILL CERTAINLY DO MY UTMOST NOT TO AROUSE ANY AFGHAN EXPECTATIONS, I DO HOPE THAT YOU CAN PRESS FOR DAOUD'S INCLUSION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978. NOT ONLY, AS STATED IN REFTEL A, DO I THINK SUCH A VISIT WOULD SERVE OUR POLICY INTERESTS, BUT I ALSO THINK IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG (ALMOST TWENTY YEARS) SINCE DAOUD WAS PERSONALLY EXPOSED TO OUR COUNTRY. BECAUSE OF HIS DESIRE, WHICH HE REGARDS AS A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE, TO BALANCE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFGHANISTAN, DAOUD UNQUESTIONABLY BELIEVES AN EARLY VISIT TO THE U.S. A TOP PRIORITY. HE IS ALSO LIKELY TO BE INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE ON MATTERS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE WHICH AFFECT U.S. INTERESTS HERE AS LONG AS AN INVITATION IS NOT FORTHCOMING.

2. IN SHORT, I WILL TAKE YOUR ADVICE AND BE EXTREMELY
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PESSIMISTIC IN DEALING WITH THE AFGHANS ON THIS SUBJECT.
BUT I WILL NOT LOSE HOPE.
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